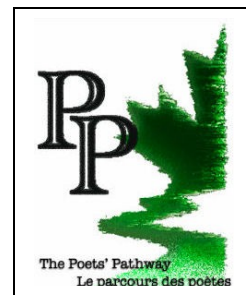


The Pathway Post

March 2012



Hello. Here is some news about the coming year, about last November's unveilings and about some fundraising. Last year was difficult for us, with injuries and illness, and we were not able to do as much as we had hoped, in events or fundraising, but we are on our way again.

The PP- A Summary

We send a great big thank you to Ottawa's Heritage Department for a grant for 2012.

We welcome Ken Denison to the Poets' Pathway committee. He has a particular interest in things technological.

We are again working on a couple of sections of the website that had to be curtailed suddenly last year. We are forging ahead with a poetry competition, in the high schools. We have a law student working on charitable status. We are wondering whether

proposed development near Beechwood will interfere with the protected viewshed from Poet's Hill. We are planning Jane's Walk and other events. And of course we are beginning the work on more plaques. And- are you ready? Fundraising is in the offing.

Maps

We are now able to make the maps of individual walks that people have been requesting. If you can not manage to get copies of the maps from the website, you can contact us for one. The instructions for each walk are on the website.

View of the Parliament Buildings from Poet's Hill at Beechwood Cemetery

The view of the Parliament Buildings from Beechwood Cemetery is an integral part of Poet's Hill. The view was secured in 2006 by the Poet's Hill Committee, Beechwood Cemetery and the City of Ottawa. You can read about it here:

<http://greenspace-alliance.ca/node/129>

We are worried that proposed development near Beechwood Cemetery may impinge on our protected viewshed from Poet's Hill to the Parliament Buildings. A scheduled meeting with Councillor Fleury and Councillor Clark and the communities involved was postponed from March 7. Please keep an eye out for a new date. The protection of this view was hard won in 2006, and is very important to us and to Beechwood Cemetery. Councillor Clark has said that the viewshed is to be respected.

Jane's Walk May 5, 10 a.m.

Ben will be leading another walk on the pathway, as part of Jane's Walk, at 10 am, Saturday, May 5. Join us for signs of spring on the trail! We are still choosing the location.

(Jane's Walks began in Toronto in 2007. Jane Jacobs was an urbanist who believed strongly in communities and making cities liveable.)

You can find more details about the walk as they unfold at <http://www.janeswalkottawa.ca/>

Two More Plaque Unveilings on Colonnade, November 8, 2011



(In the photo above, Andrée Lacelle is on the right, in a burgundy wrap and blue gloves. Diane Schmolka is on the left in a long blue coat and black hat. Councillor Egli is on the right, in an open black coat, wearing a poppy.)

The day was lovely, with a blue sky, green and golden grasses, a glinting sun, and a soft wind that insisted on an early unveiling. Councillor Keith Egli joined us for our unveiling of two new plaques in front of Nepean Creek. Our guests, our poets, our plaques, our poems and our lovely spot in the universe combined to create an hour of perfection.

We paid tribute to George Wilson, past co-chair of the Poets' Pathway. George loved to imagine this harmonious greenspace with two poems- one in English and one in French.

Our fourth plaque, the first we unveiled, is our first poem by a Francophone poet, the lyrical Alfred Garneau. His *Le croquis* describes the search for a flower in a stream.

Poet Andrée Lacelle spoke about Garneau, and read *Le croquis*, and a poem of her own.

William Wilfred Campbell's last home is about two kilometres away, just metres off Merivale Road.

Our fifth plaque is his *Down the Merivale Road*.

Poet Diane Schmolka read this poem and one of her own. The unique and knowledgeable Steve Artelle brought the poets to life.

The ducks swam to join us, on the pond behind the plaques, and a heron arrived. Passersby read the plaques. Afterwards our reception was a happy lunch at a nearby restaurant.

That afternoon, CBC's All in a Day ran a competition for new poems about Merivale Road. We smiled.

Congratulations, félicitations to Andrée Lacelle who has just won the Prix littéraire *LeDroit* – Poésie 2012, for her new book, *demain l'enfance*.



All photos taken by Marjory Bryce

Thank You

As always we are grateful to many people not otherwise mentioned in this newsletter- thank you to Kevin Moore, Anik Despres, Jim Mountain, Roger Boulton and Beechwood National Cemetery, Joanne Tait, Erwin Dreesen, Lucie Hotte.

Lakeside's Winter Garden Party Feb 24, 2012

We participated at Lakeside's Winter Garden Party amidst sleigh rides, maple taffy, chili dogs, the Capital City Chorus, miniature collies, fiddlers, children everywhere and so much more! Story teller Carolyn Malchy performed in the stage show, and you can see her here (thanks to Ken Denison): <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pwmnJoS-b-E>

Duncan Campbell Scott's 150th Birthday is August 2

Did you know that Confederation Poet, D.C. Scott, Lampman's very good friend, lived at 108 Lisgar Street all his life?

Due to our own "annus horribilis" last year, we were not able to celebrate the 150th birthdays of five other Confederation Poets. Let's celebrate them all this year!

When The Ash-Tree Buds and The Maples

WHEN the ash-tree buds and the maples,
And the osier wands are red,
And the fairy sunlight dapples
Dales where the leaves are spread,
The pools are full of spring water,
Winter is dead.

When the bloodroot blows in the tangle,
And the lithe brooks run,
And the violets gleam and spangle
The glades in the golden sun,
The showers are bright as the sunlight,
April has won.

When the color is free in the grasses,
And the martins whip the mere,
And the Maryland-yellow-throat passes,
With his whistle quick and clear,
The willow is full of catkins;
May is here.

Then cut a reed by the river,
Make a song beneath the lime,
And blow with your lips a-quiver,
While your sweetheart carols the rhyme;
The glamour of love, the lyric of life,
The springtime- the springtime.

Duncan Campbell Scott

Events We Are Considering

- Three readings at Poet's Hill, one to honour each Confederation Poet lying in Beechwood.
- Walk
- Bike ride
- Big concert
- Gallery event
- Readings at the Hunt Club Community centre and/or homes
- Everyone remembers (and with great affection) the poetry they memorized in school. Several people who spoke to us at Lakeside's Winter Garden Party wanted to recite poetry. We are thinking of holding an open mic pub night, where people can recite or read poetry, their own or others'.
- What about a bike, hike and mic day?
- Your thoughts?

NCC

Ben participated in the NCC planning discussion, Horizon 2067, at the Museum of Nature in February. We followed up with a meeting and discussion at the NCC.

Fundraising – One, Two, Three

We are trying to raise money in different ways – one is by direct selling. This year we are planning to have three sales.

- A sale of fair trade coffee
- A bulb sale- people were disappointed we didn't have one last year, so we are having another one.
- A plant sale. Chris is holding a plant sale in the spring. Potted (soon-to-be) flowers from her lush garden.

We hope you will be interested in one or more of the things we are selling. We will be paying for installation of the plaques this year, so **we need to raise another \$300. or so for each plaque.**

We are selling the same fair trade coffee as last year, from Francesco's. It is excellent coffee and people have asked if we are selling more. This year we need to sell **at least 80 bags** to have the company fill our order.

CAN YOU HELP sell some coffee? We will keep half of the cost of each bag.

Information about the coffee and how to buy it is included at the end of the newsletter.

The easiest way to order is to call Chris at 613 792 4288 .



Premium Coffee by Francesco's Coffee Company

Poets' Pathway Fundraiser



The Poets' Pathway is having a coffee fundraiser! We hope you will enjoy having some of these wonderful freshly-roasted coffees.

Please fill out the order form below and return it to Chris Woodward (woodward@mcmaster.ca) and/or send the order and payment to Chris Woodward, 649 Brierwood Ave, Ottawa K2A 2J3.

Please make your cheque to The Poets' Pathway. Payment must be received by April 1st.

Price _____

Decaf Coffee: *Café tramonto* (12 oz bag) Amount 17.75

_____ Whole Bean

_____ Ground

Subtotal _____

Gourmet Coffees:

***Il Cremoso* (12 oz bag)** Amount 17.75

_____ Whole Bean

Fair trade organic espresso _____ Ground

Subtotal _____

_____ Amount 17.75

***Caffe Mondovi* (12 oz bag)**

(medium roast) _____ Whole Bean

_____ Ground

Subtotal _____

_____ Amount 17.75

***Guatamala French Roast* (12 oz bag)**

(dark roast) _____ Whole Bean

_____ Ground

Subtotal _____

GRAND TOTAL _____

Deliver order to:

Name _____ Phone number or email _____

Street Address _____

Thank you for participating in our fundraiser. The coffee ordered will be delivered in mid April.